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THE FOLLOWING PENDING PRIOR PATENT APPLICATION:

In re Application of: Gregory E. Sancioff et al.
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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PLACING
MULTIPLE SUTURES
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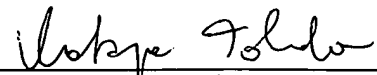
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